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BULK DENSITY, THEIR USE IN CONSTRUCTION)
MATERIAL SYSTEMS, AND A PROCESS FOR)
PRODUCING CELLULOSE ETHER BLENDS OF)
INCREASED BULK DENSITY)

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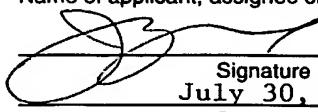
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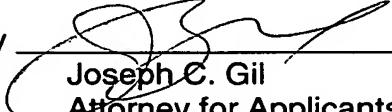
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